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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Anthony A. Lapham
General Counsel

SUBJECT: Reporting Activities of Questionable
Legality or Propriety to the SSCI and HPSCI

REFERENCES: (a) The President's letter to you, same
subject, dated 19 September

(b) Your letter to Bob Lipshutz, same
subject, dated 23 October

(c) Letter to you from Bob Lipshutz, same
subject, dated 30 October

1. Action Requested: That you approve and sign the attached letters to Chairmen Bayh and Boland.

2. Background: The President's letter to you dated 19 September, copy attached at Tab A, established a procedure for reporting Agency activities of questionable legality and propriety to the oversight committees. In my memorandum to you of 18 October, copy attached at Tab B, I recommended your signature on a letter to Bob Lipshutz asking for White House clearance to make copies of the President's letter available to the SSCI and HPSCI. I was anxious that this be done in light of the commitments you made during your confirmation hearings, which differed in some respects from the President's instruction.

3. You sent the recommended letter to Lipshutz. In his 30 October response, copy attached at Tab C, Lipshutz agreed that you should transmit copies of the President's

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letter to the two committees and suggested that you also advise the committees that similar letters have been sent by the President to the Attorney General and the Secretary of Defense.

4. Recommendation: Cover letters to Chairmen Bayh and Boland, forwarding copies of the President's 19 September letter, are attached. I recommend your signature.



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Anthony A. Lapham

Attachments

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